

# A COMPONENT DOWNLOAD SELECTION MECHANISM FOR WEB BROWSERS

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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for selectively downloading components over the  
5 World-Wide-Web is provided. The preferred embodiment uses a download selection  
mechanism to display a download selection list to a web browser user. The list allows  
the web user to decide which components to download and which to not download, thereby  
giving the web user more control over the speed of their Internet accesses. The preferred  
method produces a table or chart of components and allows the web user to select which  
10 components are downloaded.